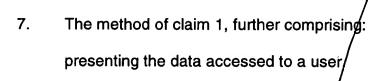
CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1. A method comprising: transitioning a processing unit of a computer system into a low power mode; and after the processing unit has transitioned into the low power mode, accessing data contained within a memory device of the computing system, via a low-power subsystem.
- 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the data is contained within a database shared by the subsystem and the memory device.
- 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the data contained in the computing system includes multimedia data.
- 4. The method of claim 1, further comprising accessing data from a network via the low-power subsystem.
- 5. The method of claim 4, wherein the network is accessed using a wireless interface.
- 6. The method of claim 4, wherein the network is an electronic store allowing an electronic purchase.

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- 8. The method of claim 7, wherein the pata is presented via an audio medium.
- 9. The method of claim 7, wherein the data is displayed.
- 10. A computing system comprising:

a central processing unit;

a memory device coupled fo the central processing unit; and

- a low-power subsystem having a database synchronized the memory device and a processor with access to the database, the low-power subsystem in operation when the central processing unit enters a low power mode.
- 11. The system of claim 10, further comprising a housing unit containing the central processing unit and the low-power subsystem.
- 12. The system of claim 10, wherein data contained within the database includes multimedia data.
- 13. The system of claim 10, further comprising a wireless network interface.

- 14. The system of claim 13, wherein the wireless network interface connects with a local area network.
- 15. The system of claim 13, wherein the wireless hetwork interface connects with a wide area network.
- 16. The system of claim 10, further comprising a video display to display data from the shared database.
- 17. The system of claim 10, further comprising a wireless user interface.
- 18. The system of claim 17, further comprising an audio headset to receive audio data transmitted from the wireless user interface.
- 19. The system of claim 17, further comprising a cellular phone to receive data transmitted from the wireless user interface.
- 20. A machine-readable storage medium tangibly embodying a sequence of instructions executable by the machine to perform a method comprising: transitioning a processing unit of a computer system into a low power mode; and after the processing unit has transitioned into a low power mode, accessing data contained within a memory device of the computing system, via a low-power subsystem.

21. The machine-readable storage medium of claim 20, wherein the data to be accessed is contained within a database shared by the subsystem and the memory device.

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- . The machine-readable storage medium of claim 20, wherein the data contained in the computing system includes multimedia data.
- 23. The machine-readable storage medium of claim 20, further comprising accessing data from a network via the low-power subsystem.
- 24. The machine-readable storage medium of claim 23, wherein the network is accessed using a wireless interface.
- 25. The machine-readable storage medium of claim 23, wherein the network is an electronic store allowing an electronic purchase.
- 26. The machine-readable storage medium of claim 20, further comprising: presenting the data accessed to a user.
- 27. The machine-readable storage medium of claim 26, wherein the data is presented via an audio medium.

28. The machine-readable storage medium of claim 26, wherein the data is displayed.